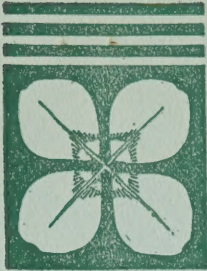



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OKLAHOMA TEAM WINS NATIONAL DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST

With 27 States represented in the dairy-cattle judging contest at the National Dairy Exposition in St. Louis, the Oklahoma team placed first and is thus entitled to represent the United States next July at the international dairy-judging contest which is held each year in England. Teams representing the 4-H clubs of America have participated in this international contest nine times. United States teams won consecutively for the first five years, teams representing the Young Farmers' Clubs of England won during the next three years, and last year a team from Oklahoma brought back to the United States the gold cup emblematic of the winning of this contest. A Texas team was the first to represent the United States at this International contest, in 1921. Teams from Maryland went to England in 1922 and 1923. Teams from Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Iowa again, and Nebraska, respectively, went to England from 1924 to 1928. The members of the Oklahoma team winning the contest at the recent National Dairy Exposition are, James Childers of Garfield County, Halley Kennedy of Carter County, and Howard Nelson of Stephens County. Childers has been in 4-H club work for 8 years and outside of his dairy activities he has done work with poultry, peanuts, potatoes, wheat, corn, kafir, and oats. Halley Kennedy has paid his way through high school by feeding and milking cows. He has six years of club work to his record, five years as president of his local club and one year president of the county federation. Howard Nelson has a Jersey heifer which has won \$155 in premiums and was the first dairy club animal to be exhibited by an Oklahoma club member at the National Dairy Exposition. He has placed first in three different State judging contests in Oklahoma in the last three years, and has been outstanding in local club leadership.

Thirty-two States were represented at the National Dairy Exposition. There were about 575 boys with men leaders and 90 girls with women leaders at the 4-H club camp which was held in connection with the exposition. Fifteen States exhibited 232 4-H dairy club animals.

THE DECEMBER NATIONAL 4-H RADIO PROGRAM

WILL BE BROADCAST NOVEMBER 30.

Instead of being on the first Saturday of the month, as ordinarily, the December national 4-H radio program will be held on November 30. It will be a leaders' program this time, with State leaders from Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Mississippi participating. The broadcasting will be done from the Chicago studios of the National Broadcasting Co., as those taking part in the program will be in Chicago at that time with their State delegations, attending the Eighth National Boys' and Girls' Club Congress.

Mary A. McKee, Specialist in Junior Club Work, Illinois, will speak on "Social Values of Large Meetings to Farm Boys and Girls."

A. G. Kettunen, State club leader, Michigan, will tell about "Educational Values of Trips to Farm Boys and Girls."

"Farm and Home-Making Achievements and Their Value to Boys and Girls," will be discussed by T. A. Erickson, State club leader, Minnesota.

"Values of Team Demonstration and Judging Work to Boys and Girls," is the subject of a talk to be given by Elaine Massey, assistant in girls' club work, Mississippi.

Time: Eastern Standard,	1 p. m. to 1.45 p. m.
Central "	12 noon to 12.45 p. m.
Mountain "	11 a. m. to 11.45 a. m.
Pacific "	10 a. m. to 10.45 a. m.

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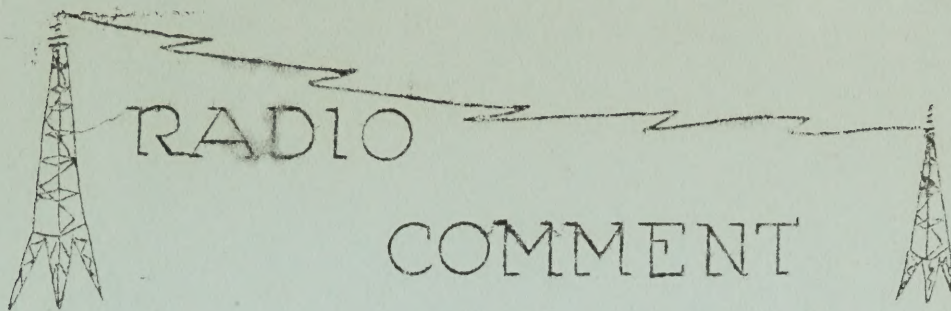
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Remember the date: NOVEMBER 30.

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From H. C. Seymour, State club leader, Oregon: "Just a word in regard to the recent radio program put out by your department on October 5. I know you will be interested in knowing that many of our club members throughout the State listened in on this program. Mr. Collier of Lane County told me that the stores in Eugene that are selling radios all moved radios outside where people on the street could hear them, and all tuned in on the national program. This happened not only during this last program, but also when the September program was broadcast. They are planning to do this throughout the year. I broadcast this information tonight over our radio, KOAC, hoping that other people throughout the state will take the hint and do the same thing."

C. W. Ferguson, State club agent, Colorado, sent in a letter some time ago asking that announcements of the program for the monthly national 4-H radio broadcasts be furnished early enough so that a news story could be sent to each newspaper in the State about the program and a letter to each club leader in the State asking that a club meeting be held on the date of the program at the home of some one who has a radio.

Right after the October 5 national radio 4-H program we received a wire from Pickens, S. C., saying "After leaders' meeting enjoyed the four-H radio program." The wire was signed by Thelma Garrett, club girl; Mrs. Clyde Garrett, adult leader; Mrs. John Carig, four-H club leader secretary; Alberta Stuckey, home demonstration agent; Harriett F. Johnson, State girls' club agent.

W. G. Waterhouse, assistant State club leader, coast counties, California, writes that 72 volunteer club leaders who were holding a three-day conference at Asilomar, Calif., listened to the national 4-H club broadcast on October 5. He also tells about the use of local broadcasts in 4-H work. He says, in part: "The reception of the program at the conference was exceptionally good. The achievement day and tours committee was especially grateful to Mr. Farrell for his talk, as they were in the midst of formulating an achievement-day program when the radio broadcast came through. The talk by Mr. Turner was also very

RADIO COMMENT (Cont'd)

interesting. The talks by the club girl and club boy made quite an impression upon the club leaders.*** During our two conferences we had two special broadcasts over KQW presenting an hour's program on each evening, one on September 28 from 8 to 9 p.m., and one on October 5 from 8 to 9 p.m. On October 25, we are starting a new feature over KQW, the farm bureau radio station at San Jose, Calif., to be known as the California Radio 4-H Club, which will hold its monthly meeting on the fourth Friday of each month from 7.20 until 8 p.m. Our leaders are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to this monthly broadcast. Our present plan is to conduct it as a regular 4-H club meeting which will give us an opportunity of bringing in many phases of our agricultural extension program."

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Louisiana, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee had delegations at the first All-South Club Congress which met in Memphis, Tenn., September 30 to October 2, in connection with the Mid-South Fair, Dairy Show, and National Cotton Show. Four-H dairy calves were shown from Mississippi, Kentucky, Georgia, and Tennessee.

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Four-H cotton club boys of Tennessee have produced an average of 863 pounds of seed cotton per acre per year for five years. The State average for this period is 471.

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"Nearly 100 bankers, members of the agricultural committee of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association, spent three days at State College during the week of August 26 studying the work of the college, including the experiment station and extension service. *** During the round-table discussion key bankers from various counties were called upon to tell what their county bankers' associations were doing to cooperate with the extension service for the betterment of agriculture in their respective counties. It was interesting to note that club work predominated in their discussions, three-fourths of the delegates telling of their cooperation in furthering our work. In the final session of the convention, Gayle Strickler, Fayette County, talked to the bankers on "Club Work from the Viewpoint of a Farm Boy." *** Four food club girls from Bedford County, under the leadership of May Kemp, home economics extension specialist, gave a demonstration on correct meal service, much to the delight of the assembled bankers. State Club Leader A. L. Baker, and Harmony Hutchinson, in charge of girls' club work, discussed club work from the state-wide viewpoint. The bankers were generous in their praise of club work and expressed their desire to continue giving it their support to the utmost."

---Pennsylvania Club News, September, 1929.

The 4-H Club Leader's viewpoint

THE PLACE OF LIVESTOCK

IN THE REALM OF THE 4-H GIRL

The late Professor Munsterberg of Harvard once said that a person is uncultured to the extent that he is unfamiliar with his own environment. According to this viewpoint, therefore, as leaders, we should see that opportunity is given farm girls in club work to gain an appreciation of the affairs of the farm closely interwoven as they are with those of the farm home. One of the most interesting phases of farm life is that of raising and breeding livestock. Those girls who know the thrill that comes when a purebred animal is bought for the farm, enjoy farm life to an extent little realized by their sisters, who are concerned with only housewifery affairs. Added to that, farm girls may also gain much satisfaction from participating in a phase of farming that provides a substantial monetary return to be used either in adding to the comfort of their homes, for clothing, or in helping them to go to college. Moreover, if our farm girls are to be a force in family affairs, it is only logical that they should have an intelligent viewpoint regarding some of the important phases of the farm business and their relation to the farm income. For these reasons, it seems the part of good sense to provide farm girls with the opportunity to engage in agricultural enterprises if such do not jeopardize their health or girlhood charm. On the other hand, leaders should face the fact that skilled management is required for those girls who participate in work, such as showing of livestock at fairs and expositions for example, which may subject them to association with temporary employees whose moral character and habits cannot be ascertained, and where they may also form the impression that masculine mannerisms are more desirable than an attractive personality. It is important, too, that at all times there be maintained a proper balance of home making with livestock or other agricultural activities. If leaders have in constant mind the molding of farm girls through club work into high-calibre, broad-minded womanhood, the addition of livestock work to home-making subjects may prove to be a real contribution.

A NATIONAL UNIFORM FOR CLUB MEMBERS

During the National 4-H Club Camp held in Washington in June, 1929, a girls' national club uniform was adopted by the State leaders in attendance. It is the hope that this uniform will be worn at events such as State fairs, club week at the State agricultural college, and achievement meetings. The design and color are similar to those of the uniform worn by all club girls attending the national camp. It is felt that this uniform will meet a real need in the 4-H club movement.

The uniform is neat in appearance and unusually becoming. It

~~THE 4-H CLUB LEADER'S VIEWPOINT~~ (Continued)

The uniform is neat in appearance and unusually becoming. It is believed that it will serve to strengthen the 4-H club morale. It already has played an important role in attracting worth-while attention to the 4-H club movement. Moreover, in the wearing of a uniform there is involved much less expense and less opportunity for unhappy dress comparisons that create social prejudices. May the day be hastened when a club uniform is seen on all public occasions and is worn at all club meetings, both by club girls and club boys.

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CLUB WORK AMONG INDIAN BOYS AND GIRLS

Freda Sperling, home demonstration agent in the Indian Field Service, United States Department of the Interior, sent in a letter the other day which, among other things, tells about 4-H club work with Indian boys and girls at the Klamath Agency, Oregon. She says: "The Indian boys and girls were organized in regular 4-H clubs this last year, some in all-Indian clubs and some in part-white clubs. Ten Indian children from this reservation attended the 4-H summer school at Corvallis. With the cooperation of Harold Shilling, day-school inspector, who had charge of the Indian boys' work, an achievement day program was given in the Chiloquin High School at which over 200 people attended. There were 4-H club moving pictures, demonstrations, exhibits, a style show, and entertainment. Two of the Indian girls gave a cooking demonstration at the county fair."

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M. B. Taylor, Beltrami County (Minn.) agricultural agent, tells of his work among the Chippewa boys and girls of the Red Lake Reservation. There are 46 boys and girls in the 4-H club which he has organized at Red Lake with the cooperation of Mark Burns, superintendent of the Red Lake Reservation. The boys have done good work with corn and potatoes this summer while the girls are especially proficient in bread baking and canning projects, Mr. Taylor reports.

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As the LEADER goes to press, a wire comes in from Camp Plummer. Five hundred boys and girls are in attendance at this camp from Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Oregon, California, Montana, and British Columbia. The camp, which is held in connection with the Pacific International Livestock Exposition, at Portland, Oreg., began October 26 and ends November 2. Forty-six livestock-judging teams made up of three club boys each, making a total of 138 boys, participated in the livestock-judging contest. A team from a county in Idaho won first in this contest. Sixteen home-economics judging teams entered the home-economics judging contest, which was won by a team from Oregon. Oregon also placed first in the crop-judging contest, competing against five teams. A new building has been dedicated to the use of the junior educational organizations, where for the first time 4-H club girls this year made home-economics exhibits at the exposition. Twelve demonstration teams are competing for the Camp Plummer trophy.

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4-H FORESTRY

R. A. Turner, field agent for the Central States, on a trip to Wisconsin this summer, was much impressed with the growth of forestry work there. This project, he says, which was begun some three or four years ago, has developed until it is now one of the most rapidly growing projects in Wisconsin. Four-H forestry club work in the State is under the immediate supervision of W. McNeel, assistant State club leader. F. G. Wilson, extension forester, works with Mr. McNeel in this phase of club work. In the summer of 1928, for the first time, there was held a week's camp, arranged primarily for forestry club members. During this last summer the camp was repeated. The camp was held at a forest ranger's station at Wild Cat Lake in Vilas County. Forty-five boys enrolled for the first camp, which was of one week's duration. Boys from certain counties only were expected to come to the camp for the first week. The second session was held during the following week for which 32 boys enrolled from the counties designated to be represented at the second session. Instruction in forestry and allied subjects was given by Mr. McNeel, Mr. Wilson, and certain of the county agents. This camp is near the State forestry nursery at Trout Lake. Mr. Turner says: "Last year, the boys, while in camp, planted about 10,000 conifers as a part of the nursery plantation. It appeared to me that this camp was very much worth while and furnished a workable means of teaching forestry to 4-H club boys in a suitable environment. It also provided a bit of recreation and camping to the older farm boys, many of whom, I discovered, were enjoying their first camping experience."

The new municipal forest at Ely, Minn., received formal dedication recently at a largely attended program. The establishment of the forest is an outgrowth of the activities of the Ely Forestry Club of St. Louis County. During Forestry Week the club planted an area of several acres, with approximately 3,000 3-year-old Norway pine seedlings. These seedlings had been cared for in a transplant bed ever since the origin of the club in 1927. It is hoped and planned, in time, to cover the entire hill, which commands a view of the city, with trees. This forestry club is the first of its kind in the State to promote and successfully carry through a municipal forest transplanting project. The dedication exercises included a talk on "Significance of Reforestation Projects," by Alvin G. Hamel, supervisor of the Superior National Forest; "The Forestry Club Plan," by Parker Anderson, university extension forester, St. Paul; presentation to the city of Ely, by Urho Keranen, president of the forestry club; formal planting of a tree by the forestry club members; acceptance on behalf of the city, Ernest W. Hanson, mayor. After the exercises a picnic lunch was served by the club members in honor of the visiting forestry club members.

FOUR-H FORESTRY (Cont'd)

The Fairfield County, Conn., 4-H forestry club recently made a day's tour. The first stop was a nursery and from there they went to the fire lookout station in the Mohawk State Forest where an instructive talk was given on the operation of the tower. A spruce swamp was visited where sphagnum moss, cranberry, pitcher plant, and plants of similar habits were identified. Several large pine and hemlock trees which had been blown down during a storm were studied, and estimates were given by the members on the tour, of the diameter, height, cubic contents, and board feet of these trees. Another State park was visited where time was spent identifying species of hardwoods growing there. Other points visited were the covered bridge at Bull's Bridge, originally of oak lumber pinned with wooden pegs; the Washington Oak at Gaylordsville under which George Washington is said to have eaten his lunch at one time during the Revolution; an ancient overshot outside water wheel on a mill at Boardman's Bridge; and last of all, the old swimming hole near-by.

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Ten per cent will be added to the purchase price of Jersey calves for club members in Victoria County, Tex., as an insurance deposit to be held by the lending bank until all notes are paid, according to a plan recently worked out by County Agent H. B. Rosse, three local club leaders, and a local banker. Each member will be required to grow 1 acre of cotton or other cash crop, net proceeds to be applied on the calf note until settled, and one acre of feed for the calf. The bank is lending the money for these production bred heifers on 6 per cent notes.

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VALLEY COUNTY OFFERS SUGGESTIONS TO CLUB MEMBERS ON WHAT TO INCLUDE IN THE YEAR'S STORY

"Don't forget to send your final report and story to the county extension agent as soon as your work is done, and be sure to have it in

before November 1. Your story must contain at least 200 words and the following is a suggestion of what might be included. Remember, your work is not complete before your story has been received.

- (1) How did you become interested in 4-H club work?
- (2) Tell of your activities in connection with your club work.
- (3) Tell of the interest your neighbors took in the work of your club.
- (4) How did your local leader and County Extension Agent help you?
- (5) What were the most interesting features of your club work?
- (6) Where did you exhibit and what premiums did you win?
- (7) When and where did the club give demonstrations?
- (8) What effect has your club had upon the community?
- (9) How can club work in your community be improved?"

---Valley County (Mont.) Club News,
September, 1929.

CLUB PERSONALS

Charline and Lenora Bruton, 4-H club girls of Howard County, Tex., have raised 98 fowls this year from 100 White Leghorn baby chicks. One was killed by a rooster, one was smothered. Twenty-eight cockerels have been sold for \$16.50, 10 cockerels kept, and 60 pullets are on hand ready to lay. The chicks cost \$50 and the feed bill has been \$16.

Viola Mumbauer, a pig club member from Bucks County, Pa., is the first club member in Pennsylvania to feed out a ton litter this year.

As a special feature of the third annual West Virginia Purebred Ram Special which recently closed a full week's program with 14 stops, Glenn Proudfoot of Barbour County and Frank McClung of Greenbrier County, 4-H club boys who participated in outstanding demonstrations at the West Virginia 4-H Livestock Round-up this fall, gave a demonstration on the selection of rams and ewes for the breeding flock. A total of 3,065 people watched these demonstrations.

Vinnie Lee McCombs of Catawba County, N.C., who has been a club member for 13 years, has earned a total of \$4,288 on her club projects. From a poultry flock alone she has realized \$3,253.76. Other earnings were from the calf, corn, pig, marketing, and clothing projects.

Clarence Hendrickson, of Hill County, Mont., who is president of the Milk River 4-H Club, is taking aviation instruction at Havre. He went to a September club meeting by airplane, the pilot accompanying him. The club members were given a chance to inspect the plane closely, and some of them were given a ride as an added thrill.

J. D. Harris, with the assistance of county agent W.W. Smith, of Houston County, Tenn., selected and weighed one pig out of a litter of 8 on June 5. It weighed 43 pounds. On July 7, it weighed 102 pounds; August 7, 170 pounds; and August 24, 210 pounds, at which time its litter mates averaged only 70 pounds. Eighty days of feeding a balanced ration, and care, made the difference.

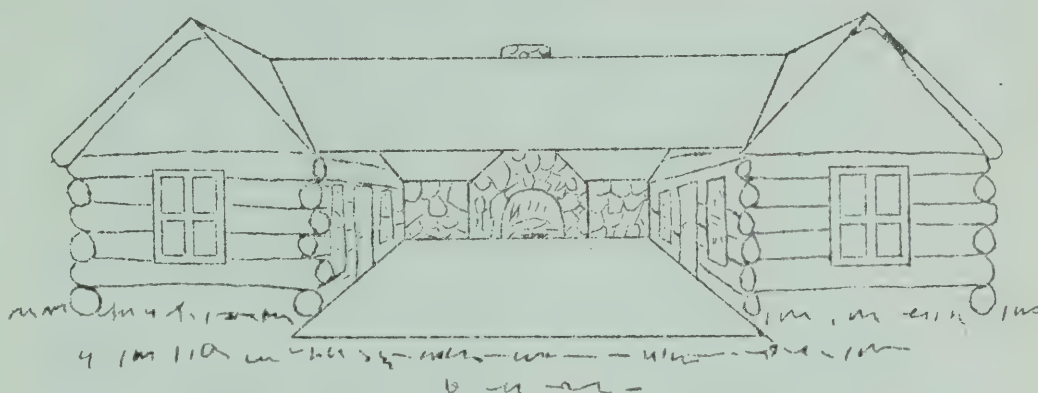
FIND BEAUTY IN NATIVE PLANTS "The discouragement of Hall County, Tex., club girls over their inability to make California yards out of Texas prairie was overcome by Ruby M. Adams, county home demonstration agent, who introduced to them the idea of using the more or less despised native plants that give distinction to these prairies.

"The Yuccas, regarded as a necessary evil, are now finding their way into the permanent planting system of yards, and cactus and prairie cedars which also dot the wide open spaces are also moving up in society by invitation of the girls. The old, old story of the rediscovery of beauty long neglected is retold here, for the girls are beginning to appreciate some of the common plants about them. This adaptation of oneself to environment is said to be one of the marks of civilization."

—Texas Extension Farm News.

WORK BOX & TOOL CHEST

West Virginia announces, on a printed slip about the size of a postal card, the building of a new county 4-H lodge at Jackson's Mill. Reproduced below:



RANDOLPH COUNTY NEW 4-H LODGE AT JACKSON'S MILL

The chimney is in the center of the cottage with an open court facing the morning sun. Each log cottage will sleep 20 youngsters. Back of the chimney are shower baths and toilets on each side. The fireplace has an old-fashioned barbecue grate in it with roasting ovens on each side. This is the most unique camp cabin in West Virginia. The Randolph County 4-H Club got it started by holding an "Old Hen Day," at which time each club member brought to Elkins an old hen from the farm. When the chickens were pooled and all were sold the boys and girls started this cottage with the proceeds. The right-hand wing and the connecting cement court are finished.

PAGEANTS, PLAYLETS,
RECITATIONS,
for Indiana 4-H Clubs.
Division of Boys' and Girls' Clubs,
Purdue University,
La Fayette, Ind.

MISSOURI 4-H CLUB
CANDLE-LIGHTING CEREMONY.
4-H Club Circular.
Extension Service,
College of Agriculture,
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Mo.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS'

4-H EXTENSION CLUB WORK

WHAT IT IS.

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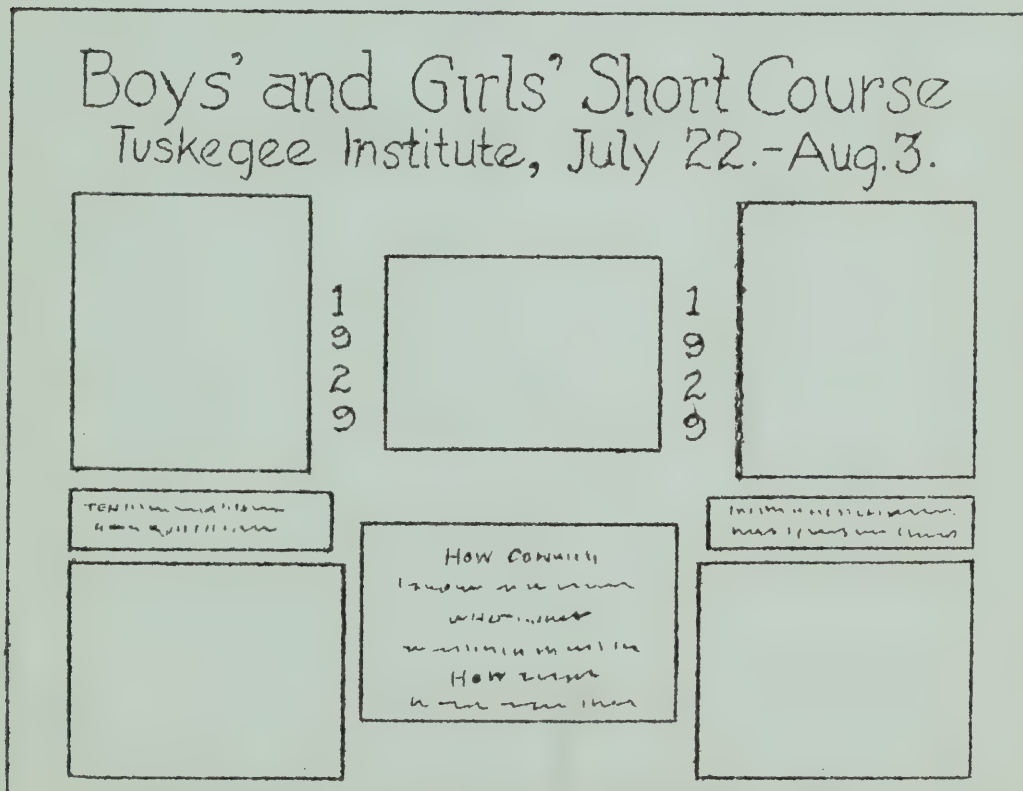
BOYS' AND GIRLS' 4-H CLUB WORK

UNDER THE SMITH-LEVER ACT, 1914-1924.

Miscellaneous Circular 85 (Reprint).

Extension Service,

U. S. Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.



Above is reproduced the layout of a very attractive 20 by 26 inch poster which announced the short course for negro 4-H clubs in Alabama this summer.

WORK BOX AND TOOL CHEST (Cont'd)

OUTLINE FOR FOODS AND NUTRITION DEMONSTRATION TEAMS.
Extension Service,
North Dakota Agricultural College,
State College Station,
Fargo, N. Dak.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CLOTHING DEMONSTRATION TEAMS.
Extension Service,
North Dakota Agricultural College,
State College Station,
Fargo, N. Dak.

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA.
(4-H Club Camp Fire Pageant.)
Extension Service,
Office of Cooperative Extension Work,
Washington, D. C.

National Club Camp Described in Pictures



How the national 4-H club camp looks to a club member is told in a film strip recently released by the Office of Cooperative Extension Work. The series, known as No. 230-A, was arranged to illustrate a story of the camp prepared by a club member whose identity has not been revealed.

How the camp is conducted and the various provisions made for the education, recreation, comfort, health, and pleasure of club members are clearly shown. Each picture is preceded by a subtitle which is a quotation from the anonymous club member's story. No lecture notes are therefore necessary, the entire story being complete in the film strip.

Agents interested in purchasing a copy of this strip should send their purchase order to the Consolidated Film Industries, Inc., 1776 Broadway, New York City, and a request for authorization to purchase to the Office of Cooperative Extension Work in the usual manner. The order should specify Lantern-Slide Series 230-A entitled "The National 4-H Club Camp." The film strip contains 82 frames and sells for 62 cents.

Series 230-A supersedes Film-Strip Series 230 of the same name, which sold for 35 cents. Film-Strip Series 230 has been withdrawn from circulation.

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MISCELLANEOUS

The Gibson County Junior Fair Association held a fair in Trenton, Tenn., early in September. This junior fair association is composed of club boys and girls and vocational agricultural students of Gibson County. The fair is supervised and run entirely by the boys and girls. The county agent, county club agent, and teachers of vocational agriculture assisted in organizing the association, but the boys and girls are running it. This is the first fair of its kind, County Agent Luther H. Halton believes, to be held in the South. No one was allowed to exhibit except bona fide members of Gibson County 4-H clubs and bona fide students of vocational agriculture in Gibson County. In the premium list there were 35 premiums on cotton, on corn there were 26 premiums, on sweet potatoes 20, on poultry 15, on purebred pigs 6, on fattening pigs 4, on ton litter 4, and on dairy cows 7. There were also premiums on canned goods and clothing and textile work.

E. I. Pilchard, Specialist in Junior Club Work, Illinois, writes that a new feature of the 4-H club camp held in connection with the Illinois State Fair this year was the furnishing of free stationery to all campers.

G. L. Herrington, Boys' Club Leader, sends word that the total enrollment of club boys and girls in Tennessee for 1929 is 29,010, an increase of 4,502, or $18\frac{1}{2}$ per cent over 1928. Five counties have more than 1,000 members each. They are, Madison with 1839 members; Shelby, 1,410; Knox, 1290; Hamilton, 1280; and Lawrence, 1,007. Henderson County, with 715 members, has the greatest enrollment of the counties with only one agent.

IOWA 4-H GIRLS' CLUB OBJECTIVES

1. Dignify farm life. (Overcome inferiority complex.)
2. Teach organization.
3. Give an opportunity for service.
4. Bring worthwhile people before the girls. (Broadens vision.)
5. Bring opportunities to girls.
6. Erase imaginary line between country and city.
7. Develop appreciation of real things of life.
 - a. Family relationships.
 - b. Doing things thoroughly.
 - c. Staying on the job.
 - d. Music, art, pictures.
8. Enrich social life of community.
9. Keep up interest in local communities.
10. Set higher standards in:
 - a. Clothing.
 - b. Home furnishing.
 - c. Nutrition.
11. Dignify work with the hands.
12. Develop the idea of Natural Youth Leadership.
(Adults and youth working together.)

—Iowa Extension Service.

AMONG OURSELVES

H. A. Sandhouse, county extension agent, Adams County, Colo., sends in some interesting material giving his experiences this summer in organizing club work in a county where he is newly employed, which is near a large city, and where there had been no extension agent for four years. His letter follows:

"In the September issue, Vol. 3, No. 9, Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club Leader, there were requests for statements on how club work had been organized in new territory, methods used to have work completed, and the organizing of club work in a county adjacent to a large city.

"Inasmuch as extension work is new in Adams County, Colo., this year, and conditions for organizing club work were not very favorable, I shall be glad to give a brief history of the work and outline of the plan that was used.

"On April 16, 1929, I reported to Brighton, Colo., as county extension agent. Brighton is the county seat of Adams County, which is the county adjacent to the city of Denver on the north. Extension work had been discontinued in this county four years before, and I was a stranger to every one.

"After procuring equipment for the office, I visited the superintendent of city schools, and the county superintendent of schools and presented my plan and program for 4-H club work in Adams County. Then I asked permission to present this work to the school children during school hours. Both of the superintendents approved the plan and co-operated in every way possible to make the work a success.

"On April 27, 1929, I made my first visit to the different schools in the county. Most of the schools closed on May 17, and several schools had to be visited each day.

"Both the teachers and pupils were very much interested in the 4-H club work. Only 15 to 30 minutes of school time was used to explain the work. A student secretary to record the names of those interested in club work and a few boys to pass out the enrollment cards completed the work in the time allotted.

"In about 10 days the enrollment cards started to come into the office. It was then my duty to locate and interest good leaders in the work. Generally the children had interested several leaders, and it was my duty to help find the right leader.

"By July 15 we had an enrollment of 172 active club members. Out of the 172 members enrolled in club work we had over 100 that completed work in time to make an exhibit at the Adams County Fair. The local newspapers assisted in obtaining this enrollment so quickly.

"The weekly schedule for all meetings and results of meetings held were published by the papers. News stories on who would lead clubs, where certain members purchased their livestock for club work, and enrollment to date each week helped to create more interest in the work.

AMONG OURSELVES (Cont'd.)

"The county commissioners gave the members a dinner on the club achievement day. Ninety-seven club members and leaders were present for this meeting.

"In the schools where work could not be organized last year we have had recent requests to meet with the local and county parent-teachers associations and explain what club work is and how it is organized.

"After club work is started in a community the enrollment generally increases due to the interest and enthusiasm of the members and leaders of the club.

"Last spring my goal was 100 members, and we enrolled 172. For 1930 my goal is 300 members and the largest dairy calf club in the State.

"I hope that the above suggestions may be of some value to other club leaders."

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MORE EXPERIENCES M. H. Woody, 4-H county club agent for Sonoma County, Calif., finds that club members themselves are the most useful factors in increasing club membership. He sends in a newspaper clipping which gives the story of how he is working up enthusiasm in a community in the county for club work. He says: "The idea of this is to transport bodily one regular monthly club meeting to another district, and the club members will make the contact through their enthusiasm." The newspaper clipping, in part, follows: "Members of the Spring Hill, Lewis, and Todd 4-H Ag clubs put on a demonstration meeting at the Cazadero hall last night to give the residents there a sample of what the Ag clubs throughout the county are doing. Kent Bathurst of the Todd club acted as president with Irma Savio of Spring Hill as secretary. Ten members of the three clubs gave short reports on the project work. Keith Bissel, special assistant farm adviser, gave a short talk on cow-testing work, and M. H. Woody, county club leader, explained the aims of the clubs. It was planned to hold a meeting at Cazadero within the next month to consider the formation of a club there."

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C A L E N D A R

Fifth Annual Session,
Southern Negro Farm Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club Camp,
Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Dec. 2-5, 1929.

Seventh Annual Royal 4-H Club Conference,
American Royal Live Stock and Horse Show,
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